

INTERPRETATIONS

FITA CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 1, article 3.22.1.2

The Norwegian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation on the definition of a sport shoe.

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee but that the input of the Athletes Committee should be obtained.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions and is supported by the comments of the Athletes Committee.

Response from the Technical Committee:

Sport Shoes/Athletic Shoes - Dictionary definition:

An athletic shoe is a generic name for a shoe designed for sporting activities. They were originally sporting apparel, but are today worn much more widely as casual footwear. It can also go by the name *sport shoe*, *running shoe*, *gym shoe*, tennis shoes, *sneakers* (American English) or *trainers* (British English).

The Technical Committee feels this definition provides an adequate guideline allowing for any suitable footwear for the purpose, but not necessarily limited to this definition. The definition would exclude open toed or open healed footwear such as sandals, “flip flops”, etc. If the shoe fully covers the toes and heel to or past the height of the feet arch, we feel they should be considered legal.

Additional comments - Any footwear used by an athlete who determines the selected footwear is best suited to facilitate their comfort and provide maximum performance is acceptable with the few restrictions noted. This interpretation takes into account the comfort and personal preference of the athlete regardless of the sporting activity. These can be running shoes, walking shoes, hiking boots, work boots or **any** suitable footwear as determined by the athlete under the guidelines noted.

FITA Technical Committee, 8 February 2010

Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 2 March 2010